Vehicle taxes.

285. ❋ MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount collected as vehicles tax in the year 1121;

(*b*) the number of two wheeled springless bullock carts licensed; and

(*c*) whether licences and identification plates were issued; if not, why?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: (*a*) Rs. 9,30,288 Chs. 16, Cash 6 was realised up to end of Mithunam 1121.

(*b*) 5,544 springless two-wheeled bullock carts were licensed up to end of Mithunam.

(*c*) Licenses were issued, but not identification plates. The question of imprinting the licences on the vehicles themselves is under consideration.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know the amount collected under item (b) for bullock carts?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: I shall give the information later.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know whether the absence of identification cards will not lead to petty interference or double taxation?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: This is the first occasion in the whole of India where bullock carts are licensed. The magnitude of the work is not fully realised, because the total number is large. The rates are small. I am considering whether a good print, indelible, will suit the needs.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: In view of the small amount that may be collected, cannot these springless two-wheeled bullock carts be exempted from the operation of the taxation?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: The number is large and the total revenue considerable.

Police Station building at Erattupettah

286. ❋ MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI: (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what is the monthly rent paid for the Police Station building at Erattupettah;

(*b*) whether the Government have considered the desirability of acquiring the site; and

(*c*) if so, whether any steps have been taken in the matter?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: (*a*) Rs. 10.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI: What are the steps taken, that are referred to in answer (*c*)?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: I have reported to Government on the matter and orders may be shortly issued by them.

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